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Mrs. Ora Kay Peterson
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Dear Mrs. Peterson:

Thank you for sharing your views on the Mineral King Comprehensive Management Plan and of your specific concern regarding former Forest Service permits.

The law establishing Mineral King as a portion of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park states: "Any renewals of leases or permits shall be granted only to those persons who were lessees or permittees of record on the date of enactment of this Act...." The date of enactment was November 10, 1978.

While I certainly appreciate and understand your comment that the National Park Service interpret the law so that leaseholders could include a spouse whether or not the spouse was a named lessee, I do not see how they can without amending the law through legislation.

On your behalf I have written the Honorable Phillip Burton, Chairman, Subcommittee on Parks and Insular Affairs, seeking clarification, as well as the National Park Service. When I have those responses, I shall be back in touch.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of my comments to Mr. Boyd Evison on the Mineral King Comprehensive Management Plan.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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